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"Karl Liebknecht", Berlin-Oberschoeneweide

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1. In February 1955, only small orders for the construction of switches were placed with VEB Transformatoren-Werk (transformer plant) "Karl-Liebknecht" in Berlin Oberschoeneweide. About 50 percent of the registered goods were sold and about 50 percent were stored. It was planned to decrease production of switches and to increase the manufacture of [redacted] switches. Soviet orders for gas-blast switches, air compressor plants, and WWN switches which were placed regularly in earlier years had not yet been received for 1955. These WWN switches were apparently manufactured in the USSR or in Czechoslovakia because the porcelain factories in the GDR manufacture porcelain parts for these switches have to deliver these parts directly to the USSR.

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2. The delivery program for February 1955 of the Berlin-Oberschoeneweide plant could not be fulfilled because of shortage of materials. The Berlin - Weissensee [redacted] was not in a position to manufacture arresters because [redacted] works) Oberspree could not deliver the copper electrodes for this production. The copper electrodes are scheduled to be manufactured by the Muenze Berlin (Mint Office), at 1-3 Molkenmarkt, Berlin C 2.

3. In the beginning of 1955, the transformer plant sold manufacturing data for small and medium air compressor plants and the CPF 1008-type switch to Red China. In 1950, manufacturing data for SAW arresters were sold to Poland, and in 1954, such data for all disconnection switches up to 30 kV were sold to Bulgaria.

4. A 220 kV disconnection switch with one pole only was newly developed at the plant. This switch is said to switch off 4,000 MVA and was scheduled to be sent to Leningrad for testing purposes because the GDR has no adequate testing ground.

1. Comment: The meaning of WWN was not ascertained.

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SAW arrester means lightning arrester

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